Record Nr. UNINA9910822500203321 Autore Bowen Kurt Derek Titolo Evangelism and apostasy: the evolution and impact of evangelicals in modern Mexico / / Kurt Bowen Montreal [Quebec];; Buffalo,: McGill-Queen's University Press, c1996 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-85377-5 9786612853777 0-7735-6584-1 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xi, 270 pages) McGill-Queen's studies in the history of religion;; 23 Collana Disciplina 306.6/804/0972 Soggetti Evangelicalism - Mexico Protestant churches - Mexico Pentecostalism - Mexico Mexico Church history 20th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [257]-265) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Contents Tables Acknowledgments 1 Introduction 2 Historical Background 3 Gains and Losses: The Last Twenty Years 4 Conversion and Evangelism 5 The Evangelical World-View 6 Community Life 7 The Missionaries 8 Societal Links: El Mundo 9 Conclusion Notes Bibliography Index Sommario/riassunto In this sociological assessment of the Evangelical movement in Mexico. Kurt Bowen highlights the demographic, social, and political character of the movement in the 1980s and 1990s. He pays particular attention to conversion processes, commitment mechanisms, schisms, and distinctive beliefs. Bowen also considers the controversial issues of religious persecution and American missionary influence. Bowen reveals that Evangelicalism's appeal is so pervasive in Mexico that if Evangelical converts all remained faithful it could become Mexico's dominant religion by 2006. This projection, however, is improbable due to high drop-out rates and Bowen argues that Evangelical apostasy is

rooted in the most basic beliefs and practices of its followers.